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Do you appreciate your citizenship?

By Brig. Gen. William P. Kane

302nd AW commander

Recently, I was afforded the opportunity to participate in a ceremony in which citizenship was conferred on 157 men and women from 57 different nations. Of those involved, 37 were military members. Most were soldiers who wore combat patches on their uniforms. In fact, one was awarded citizenship posthumously. He was a marine who was killed in Iraq.

As I looked at the crowd of new citizens, I spent some time thinking about citizenship and service. Military members understand service before self. Certainly, families of reservists understand the concept.

The 37 military members at the ceremony served in the military and served in harm's way because being a citizen of our great republic was important enough to risk life and limb to earn citizenship.

Do you appreciate your citizenship that

much? Did you vote in the last election?

Chief Justice Louis D. Brandeis said, "The most important office ... that of private citizen."

Are you raising your kids with an appreciation and acceptance of the responsibility that comes with the rank of citizen?

It's easy to take for granted those things which come easily. Certainly, for those of us born here, our love of country is a product of how our parents raised us and our teachers educated us. It didn't take any overt actions on our part to become citizens.

As I looked at the crowd during the ceremony, I saw men and women from across the world, every continent except Antarctica was represented. As I talked to them I found many had tears in their eyes and clearly had pride in their hearts. I asked myself, "Do I appreciate my citizenship as much as they do?"

Perhaps that's a good question for all of us to ask.

Cancer stole his life, not his heart

By Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor

Front Range Flyer

In June, the 302nd Airlift Wing granted a request to show a cancer victim a C-130. Wing members didn't know him, but went above and beyond the call of duty and made 25-year-old Larry Brockberg feel like part of the 302nd "family."

He sat in the pilot's seat of one of our C-130s and discussed, in depth, the Hercules' instrumentation and flying capabilities with one of our pilots. He then listened intently in the cargo bay as one of our loadmasters explained the ins and outs of hauling personnel and cargo. He posed for photos with the crew and maintainers, collected souvenirs from wing members and was bestowed

with an honorary membership in the 731st Airlift Squadron.

In letters from him and friends of his family, those involved learned that June 24 was a very special day for him.

Mr. Brockberg started battling melanoma cancer at age 18, but he never gave up fighting – or believing he could beat it. He passed away Aug. 29.

The 302nd AW will remember him for his positive outlook and never-give-up attitude.



Larry Brockberg

On the cover



Never Forget

On Sept. 11, the 302nd Airlift Wing placed a wreath memorializing the victims of the 9-11 tragedy beneath the American flag, flown at half mast to honor victims of Hurricane Katrina. See story on page 4. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)

UTA Schedule

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New chief of staff addresses Airmen

By Gen. T. Michael Moseley
Air Force chief of staff

To the Airmen of the United States Air Force,

We are a Nation at war. Today (Sept. 2) marks the 1,426th day we've been fighting Operation Enduring Freedom.

World War II lasted 1,347 days.

We've now been fighting the Global War on Terror for 2Y2 months longer than World War II. From the day Desert Storm kicked off, January 17th

1991, the – Air Force has been in continuous combat. For 14 years, our enemies have shot at us and for 14 years we've returned the favor. But no matter how long the road, we must never lose our

focus on winning this fight.

Today, we are engaged more than ever ... from across the globe to here at home. From taking the fight to the enemy in Iraq; to rebuilding lives in the wake of hurricane Katrina; to controlling satellites on the other side of the world; to fighting forest fires in the Rockies; to patrolling the skies over America – you can be proud of the work your Air Force is doing to protect our country. I'm incredibly proud to be a member of an

Air Force family that has over 106,000 Airmen assigned or deployed in 64 countries, on every continent, and in every time zone throughout the world. We have handled each and

every task brought before us with lethal efficiency, because of you. It is an honor to work and fight alongside you in service to our Republic. The 684,000 active, Reserve, Guard, and civilians of the United States Air Force are truly a total force. We stand alongside our Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine brethren ready to answer the Nation's call. We fight together. We triumph together. Our promise to the joint team is that as Airmen we will always be the best in the world at what we do: dominating Air and Space from one inch above the ground to 100,000 miles above the earth.

Today, we have three major challenges facing our Air Force. First and foremost is accomplishing the combatant tasks the President and Secretary of Defense assign. The tasks will

be ones we've done before and ones we've never undertaken. Second, we must preserve that which makes us the most feared air force in the world – our people. Our culture of excellence must continue to develop Airmen ... Airmen who are the most adaptable, most skilled, most professional, and most lethal the world has ever known. Third, we face the difficult task of operating the oldest inventory in the history of the United States Air Force. My senior leadership will work to break this vicious cycle. I need you, our Airmen on the line, to continue making the mission happen.

As we work towards a more secure, more peaceful tomorrow ... look around. Behind us you'll see a proud, rich heritage. And in front of us is a limitless horizon. So let's push it up, go to work and make the mission happen.

Can you take this 12-week challenge?

By Chief Master Sgt. Janine Cragin
302nd SVF, chief of services

As the services flight, we have many roles when it comes to supporting the folks of 302nd Airlift Wing – lodging, food, mortuary, fitness and recreation. Currently, fitness is our game.

By the time you read this article, we will have approximately 14 weeks of 2005 left. And that has the 302nd AW completing its second year of the Fit to Fight program. Where do you stand in the wing's stats?

As of the September unit training assembly, here is what we look like: 68 percent of the wing has tested. Of that 68 percent, 15 percent are in the Excellent category, 63 percent in the Good realm, eight percent in the Marginal and 14 percent are Poor. I don't know about anyone else, but I sure find it concerning that our poor category almost equals our excellent performers. How can that be?

We all know the benefits of exercise. I won't take up space and lecture about what

you already know. But I do think about these questions when I see such alarming scores.

How do you keep up with your children? If your children are grown then don't you worry about being around for your grandchildren?

And what about these young whipper-snappers joining the Air Force Reserve? Not only do we "long-timers" need to stay physically fit in order to train them but we need the mental stamina, too. They sure are making these kids smarter nowadays.

If you are part of the 32 percent not tested, where will you stack up?

I had the opportunity to speak to individuals who previously tested in the marginal and poor categories and are now in the good. I asked them, "How did you do it?"

Here is their advice for success.

- Do your pushups and sit-ups every single day. No matter what, do them.

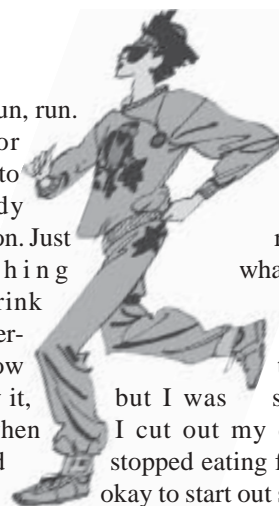
- When doing your pushups and sit-ups, never ever do less than you did the day before.

- Run, run, run. Not for speed, but to get the body used to the motion. Just run.
- Watching what you eat and drink does make a difference. I know experts say it, but I was still shocked when I cut out my daily soda and stopped eating fries!
- It is okay to start out slow; improving each day is what motivated me.

General Kane has informed us that he does not expect perfect scores. What he does expect is improvement in your score. And you should, too.

The American Running Association offers a 12-week walk/run program. If you are interested in checking it out to see if it's for you, stop by my office in Bldg. 895, Room 128.

Are you up to the challenge?



9-11 tragedy

302nd AW lays wreath in remembrance

By Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor
Front Range Flyer

It was a brief, yet touching, tribute to the memory of the 9-11 tragedy. On Sept. 11, members of the 302nd Airlift Wing attended a wreath-laying ceremony, not only to remember those who were victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks against the United States, but to also honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice since then in the war on terrorism.

"Let's take a few minutes to think about the victims, not only the victims of that day, but the victims since that day," said Brig. Gen. William P. Kane, 302nd AW commander.

Reflecting on the past four years, General Kane reasoned why the wing is involved in military operations in the Middle East. He told the audience that "showing weakness gives li-

cense to more attacks of terrorism."

He also recalled the day when the American people were shocked by news that two commercial airliners crashed into the World Trade Center, another into the Pentagon and a fourth into a field in rural Pennsylvania.

"There's not a person standing here who doesn't remember where they were or what they were doing," said General Kane.

"We are saddened at the memory of so many lost in the



Members of the 302nd Airlift Wing look on as Brig. Gen. William P. Kane, 302nd AW commander, reflects on the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton)

chaotic moments of 9-11," said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Dwight L. Mitchell, 302nd AW chaplain, in prayer.

"We are not stopping in our commitment to protect this land of the free and the home of the brave."

Command people step up to help hurricane victims

ROBINS AIRFORCE BASE, Ga. — From coast to coast, people assigned to and associated with Air Force Reserve Command are stepping up to help victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Pararescue people, aeromedical caregivers, airlift crews, aerial porters and reservists from dozens of other specialties have logged hundreds of missions, shuttled thousands of passengers and patients, and delivered tons of supplies and equipment since the hurricane hit Aug. 29.

Meanwhile, the 302nd Airlift Wing was indirectly involved in Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. Twenty-nine members of the wing's Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System mission and two C-130s departed Sept. 4 for the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho, to relieve Air National Guard units sent to support MAFFS operations in the aftermath of the

hurricane.

"I'm amazed, no, I'm more than amazed at what our people have been able to do for their fellow Americans," said Maj. Gen. David E. Tanzi, AFRC vice commander. "We knew all along our people could do this. I'm so proud of them. This is what America is all about."

Reservists from Florida, Texas, Ohio, Wisconsin, Washington and other states called their units to volunteer, and individual mobilization augmentees went to their administrators to sign up to help.

For every reservist participating in the relief effort, a family member, retiree or friend has donated his or her time, money or blood.

"Now is not the time to wring one's hands and wonder what to do," General Tanzi said. "People can roll up their sleeves or write a check. We should all do something to ease the suffering during this national

emergency."

In addition to giving to national relief agencies such as the Red Cross and Salvation Army, people can volunteer to join efforts in Louisiana and Mississippi or stay at home to sort and package goods to be delivered to victims.

Speaking of home, many families near military bases have opened their homes to displaced Airmen and their families.

As a volunteer firefighter, a Robins NCO from Headquarters AFRC spent Labor Day delivering food and water to storm victims along the Mississippi coast.

"People want to help, but they need to donate items that can be used right away," said Master Sgt. John Hunt. "Properly packaged food and bottled water are among the things that could be used by the people we saw. They also needed diapers and baby formula." (AFRC News Service)

ORI awaits turn on 302nd AW 2006 dance card

By Tech. Sgt. Stefano Collins
Front Range Flyer

The 302nd Airlift Wing has a full dance card. Real-world contingencies such as deployments and fire fighting, a computer network conversion and an Air Force Reserve Command commanders conference are on the wing's fiscal year 2006 schedule.

Although it may seem a lesser priority to demonstrate the wing's readiness to higher headquarters during inspections in light of current involvement in real-world contingencies, it is still an extremely important issue which requires everyone's immediate attention, support and cooperation.

An operational readiness inspection, commonly known as "ORI" is scheduled for October 2006. Lt. Col. Melinda Clearwater, 302nd AW performance manager, is spearheading the 302nd's preparation for the ORI. One of the items used in this effort was an

ORI "Table Top" exercise conducted Sept. 11.

"A table top exercise is when war-time scenarios are presented in a classroom environment versus field conditions and then discussion occurs between functional area representatives on actions required for real-world situations," said Colonel Clearwater. "The table top is used to train and educate, as well as to prepare for the upcoming ORI."

During Sunday's exercise, functional area representatives from all areas such as medical, communications, services, and maintenance, were briefed on the exercise scenario. In this case, the wing used an imaginary location in Istok, Serbia, in support of a United Nations mission. The representatives were then given exercise inputs such as the injury of a forklift operator. Participants then discussed how their area would respond.

At the start of the exercise, Lt. Col.

Michael J. McCully, 302nd Mission Support Group commander, briefed participants and stressed the importance of managing the information flow from the Wartime Operations Center to the Survival Recovery Center and on to the Unit Control Center.

"The goal here is receiving, understanding, controlling and disseminating information from the WOC through the SRC to the UCCs," said Colonel McCully. "Verification of information is the key. The idea is to use the information received to give to the SRC and UCC commanders to get a clear picture of deployed operations in the wing or any other location," he said.

Efforts to raise ORI awareness will continue.

"As part of our preparation, we plan to provide a monthly segment in future editions of the Front Range Flyer. These segments will vary from ORI terminology to upcoming events," said Colonel Clearwater.

302nd Airlift Wing supports National Interagency Fire Center

By 2nd Lt. Jody Ritchie
Front Range Flyer

Two C-130H3 aircraft and 29 personnel from the 302nd Airlift Wing departed Sept. 4 for Boise, Idaho to support the National Interagency Fire Center.

The aircraft are equipped with Modular Airborne Fire Fighting Systems, allowing them to drop up to 3,000 gallons of fire retardant covering an area one-quarter of a mile long and 60 feet wide. The 302nd AW aircraft replaced Air National Guard equipment and personnel that were then reallocated to Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

A mixture of 80-85 percent water, 10-15 percent ammonium sulfate, and red coloring are combined to create the retardant, also called slurry.

"We were surprised to get the

call, but no more surprised than anyone else with what's happened," said Maj. Steven Foss, MAFFS mission commander.

The MAFFS resources are coordinated with ground-based fire fighting resources. The aircraft drop their retardant in front

clear a wider area or attack the fire from the sides.

"We are on standby to hit a fire when it springs up, so we are fighting smaller fires before they get large," said Maj. Foss. "We are able to respond quickly to protect lives and property."

The 302nd AW deactivated and returned home Sept. 9. The two wing aircraft flew 14 sorties, dropping over 36,500 gallons and 330,000 pounds of retardant on the Gregory and Valley Road fires in Idaho.

The deployed MAFFS personnel include specially trained flight and maintenance crews. "We couldn't do it without our maintenance support; they work hard to keep the equipment working."

MAFFS flight crews must attend certification training each spring to be allowed to fly the challenging missions for NIFC.



Senior Master Sgt. David Gilson, 731st Airlift Squadron, C-130 loadmaster, watches as the Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System disperses slurry near an Arizona fire last year. (U.S. Air Force photo)

"Morale is high, as always. We like to support the firefighters."

of the advancing fire, allowing firefighters on the ground to

302nd AW bids farewell to another tradition

By Larry Franzen

Siblings, married couples, even fathers and daughters – the 302nd Airlift Wing has a long-standing tradition of family commitment among its ranks. The wing's aircraft maintenance world recently bid farewell to that tradition. Senior Master Sgt. Toni Frank retired in September, joining her father, Master Sgt. Cletis Shores, who said his good-byes in 1992.

Sergeant Shores was one of the first crew chiefs assigned to the 901st Tactical Airlift Group (which later became the 302nd Airlift Wing). He was very popular with his fellow workers and quickly earned a well-deserved reputation for always bringing his aircraft home.



Master Sgt.
Cletis Shores

He took his parenting as seriously as he took his career. There are two important things he did as a father. 1. He taught his kids to always take care of their family, to always work hard and with integrity, to be truthful and honest. 2. He recommended the Air Force Reserve to his son, Mitch, and his daughter, Toni. Both took their dad's advice to heart and served their country honorably.

Sergeant Frank started on the flight line and learned her crew chief skills well. Like her father, when her aircraft's GTC died during a trip to South America, she found a way to bring the airplane home.

In 1986, the isochronal inspection dock selected her to fill an air reserve technician position. Young Toni possessed an impressive aptitude for aircraft maintenance and was seen bouncing all over the aircraft, taking on any task. She demonstrated superior organizational talent and learned all about setting up dock cards and preparing aircraft for ISO inspections.

More importantly, her happy mood and outgoing personality rubbed off on the rest of the crew and the ISO dock was fortunate to have her for several years.

Toni went on to enjoy many experiences in the Reserve – crew chief with engine run qualifications, quality assurance specialist, job control specialist, maintenance flight chief and finally assistance flight line superintendent. And Toni excelled in every assignment.

We in the 302nd AW have been blessed to have worked with such a talented individual. Some may ask why she's chosen retirement at the peak of her career. Those who know Toni know the reason. She remembers the first lessons taught by her father. Take care of your family and your children.

Toni, thank you very much for the service to your country, for your dedicated and skillful leadership, and for always being a friend.

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Senior Master Sgt.
Toni Frank

Caring for your car – it won't be long until winter is here

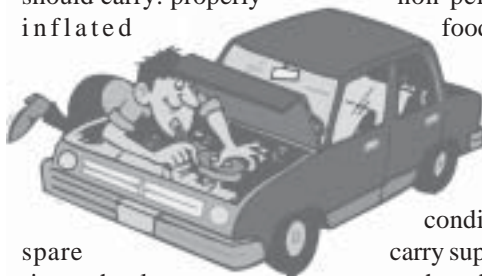
Driving in winter means snow, sleet and ice that can lead to slower traffic, hazardous road conditions, hot tempers and unforeseen dangers. Here are some suggestions to make sure you and your vehicle are prepared.

Weather - At any temperature, weather affects road and driving conditions and can pose serious problems. It's important to listen to forecasts on radio, TV, weather channel, or forecasts in the daily papers.

Your car - Prepare your car for winter. Start with a checkup that includes: checking the ignition, brake system, wiring, hoses, and fan belts, changing and adjusting the spark plugs, checking the air, fuel and emission filters, and the PCV valve, inspecting the distributor, checking the battery, and checking the tires for air, sidewall wear and tread depth. Your car

should have a tune-up every 12,000 to 15,000 miles to ensure better gas mileage, quicker starts and faster response on pick-up and passing power.

Necessary equipment - An emergency situation on the road can arise at any time and you must be prepared. Following the tune-up, a full tank of gas, and fresh anti-freeze, your trunk should carry: properly inflated



spare tire, wheel wrench and jack, shovel, jumper cables, tow and tire chains, bag of salt or cat litter and tool kit.

Essential supplies - You must be prepared with a "survival kit"

that should always remain in the car, be replenished after use, and contain the following: working flashlight and extra batteries, flares, reflective triangles and brightly-colored cloth, compass, first aid kit, exterior windshield cleaner, ice scraper and snow brush, wooden stick matches in a waterproof container, scissors and string/cord, non-perishable, high-energy

foods like unsalted canned nuts, dried fruits and hard candy. In addition, if you are driving long distances under cold, snowy and icy conditions, you should also carry supplies to keep you warm such as heavy woolen mittens, socks, cap, blankets and newspapers to wrap around your torso and feet and large plastic leaf bags you can cut holes in for your head and arms.

If you become stranded - Don't leave your car unless you know exactly where you are, how far it is to possible help, and are certain your situation will improve.

To attract attention, light two flares and place one at each end of the car a safe distance away. Hang a brightly colored cloth from your antenna or window.

If you are sure the car's exhaust pipe is not blocked, run the engine and heater for about 10 minutes every hour or so depending upon the amount of gas in the tank.

To protect yourself from frostbite and hypothermia, use woolen items, blankets, newspapers and large bags to keep warm. Keep at least one window open slightly. Heavy snow and ice can seal a car shut. Eat a hard candy to keep your mouth moist (Courtesy of the National Safety Council)

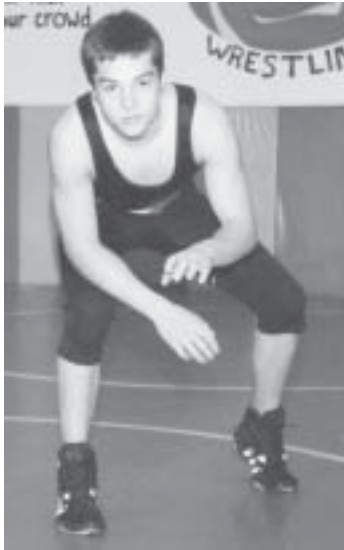
Wing family members seek Academy connection

Dream edges closer to reality

By Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton
Front Range Flyer

Dreams do come true.

Cadet Candidate Felix Abeyta, son of Tech. Sgt. Julie Abeyta, 731st Airlift Squadron, NCO in



charge of the orderly room, has been preparing for a life-long dream of attending the Air Force Academy.

The dream came 10 months closer to reality when he was accepted into the Air Force Academy Preparatory School following graduation from Coronado High School in Colorado Springs this year.

"Felix has always wanted to go to the Air Force Academy," said Sergeant Abeyta. "His ultimate goal is to become a pilot. The prep school gives young kids the opportunity to prepare for high academic standards and military training the Academy offers. Once they reach the Academy, they're ahead of the game."

However, Felix always seemed to be ahead of the game. Aside from playing football and wrestling for Coronado, he was a member of the school's student

council and the Future Business Leaders of America.

Among other things, he received Air Force ROTC and civil engineering scholarship offers from schools including the University of Colorado, University of Northern Colorado, University of Denver and Colorado State University.

"Success at the Academy only works if the person attending really wants it," said Sergeant Abeyta. We helped him with the entire application process. It's very extensive. I don't know how any young man or woman Felix's age could handle the entire admittance process without the help of parents or other adults. He chose to attend the prep school instead of accepting the ROTC scholarship.

"It really takes from ninth grade on as far as preparation," she added. "Some may say it takes a whole lifetime to create fair, hard-working men and

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Cadet Candidates Felix Abeyta (left) and Brenton Byrd are attending the U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School, hopeful of fulfilling dreams of one day attending the Air Force Academy. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Julie Abeyta)

Future in football among goals

By Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton
Front Range Flyer

If all goes well, at least one member of the 302nd Airlift Wing will have his eye on Air Force Academy football in the coming years. The stepson of Tech. Sgt. Andrew Fulbright, 302nd Logistics Readiness Squadron has his sights set on a career with the Air Force Academy Falcons.

Cadet Candidate Brenton Byrd had no idea a 324-yard rushing effort in a losing cause last fall would eventually produce a positive outcome. The 5-foot-11, 170-pound running back from Harrison High School in Colorado Springs has had other 300-yard games during his high school career, but it was his performance in that game which caught the eye of Air Force Academy football recruiters.

Following his showing, which included four touchdown runs, in the 48-42 overtime loss to highly-touted Florence the young man's accomplishments



caught the eye of Air Force Academy running backs coach Dean Campbell. The coach came calling and began recruiting him for enrollment into the Air Force Academy Preparatory School and a subsequent football career at the Academy.

"He already had football scholarship offers from Arizona State, Harvard, Yale, Duke, and West Point and Colorado University wanted him for track," said Sergeant Fulbright, who has raised Cadet Candidate Byrd for the past 16 years. "He really wanted to go the Academy, and didn't understand why they weren't recruiting him. There's a lot of talent in Texas and Florida the recruiter told him, and they mainly look for players there. They saw his statistics at the last minute, and then began recruiting him."

Cadet Candidate Byrd, who had all but given up on an Academy career, made the decision to attend the Academy within an hour after the coach left.

"I really didn't play a big part in his decision," said Sergeant Fulbright. "I told him education would be one of determining fac-

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Maj. Ryan Tanton, 731st Airlift Squadron, C-130 instructor navigator, holds his son, Grayson, prior to the Sept. 1 deployment. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Heldwin Brito, 302nd Maintenance Squadron unit public affairs representative)



302nd Airlift Wing leadership gives deploying members a proper send-off. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Derrick Gildner)



Family, friends give wing members warm send off

By Staff Sgt. Derrick M. Gildner
302nd AW Public Affairs

For a Sunday morning in late August the day began with a near cloudless sky and a warm breeze to usher people into Bldg. 210, hangar bay one here. Service members in desert camouflage uniforms shared refreshments with loved ones or found a quiet corner to reflect. A few small groups of children join together like bees to chase, play and buzz with life amongst nervous adults.

On Aug. 28, more than 100 activated reservists and three C-130s from the 302nd Airlift Wing departed for the Middle East to support operations in the U.S. Central Command theater. Some members flew out on the C-130s, others boarded a C-17. The day marked the first of two late summer deployments. On Sept. 1, two more C-130s with more than 20 reservists aboard left for the Middle East.

Among the family members were support staff from the 302nd Military Personnel Flight. "We had no shortage of volunteers lending a hand for our deploying members; everyone from Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Dwight Mitchell to Mrs.

Diane Kane lent their assistance," said Tech. Sgt. Waihini R. Gaditano, 302nd MPF, director of family readiness.

"We had refreshments for family members and special guests who

Master Sgt. Victor A. Sena, 302nd Maintenance Squadron, hydraulic systems technician, holds his granddaughter, Brionna Conley, close before deploying Aug. 28. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Heldwin Brito, 302nd Maintenance Squadron unit public affairs representative)

were wishing their friends and spouses a safe farewell," said Sergeant Gaditano. "Those helping tried to make service members' last few moments as comfortable as possible."

While the 302nd MPF Family Readiness office played a large role before departure, 302nd MPF Personnel Readiness processed the needed paperwork to actually

deploy the reservists. Tech. Sgt. Lissy L. Slezak, chief of personnel readiness, said her office processed more than 200 orders in one day to ensure deployment orders were ready for the deploying reservists.

"Although my office doesn't handle face to face family issues, I try to get orders processed properly to avoid any unnecessary disruption with their pay," Sergeant Slezak said she went down to the hangar to see off familiar faces who have become friends over her five years serving here.



Staff Sgt. James E. Quick, 302nd Maintenance Squadron, aircraft structural maintainer, gives his son, Tyler, a kiss before deploying Aug. 28. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Heldwin Brito, 302nd Maintenance Squadron unit public affairs representative)

"I'm continually impressed with the professional and positive attitude displayed by our deploying members; I heard no complaints," she said.

At the farewell send-off Brig. Gen. William P. Kane, 302nd AW commander, was joined by U.S. Rep. Joel Hefley and his wife, State Rep. Lynn Hefley, as well as Brig. Gen. Richard E. Webber, 21st Space Wing commander.

The departure of troops on the first deployment concluded with members of the wing leadership saluting the departing C-17 as it took off toward the eastern sky.



Brennan Sinchak awaits the Aug. 28 departure of his father, Master Sgt. Michael J. Sinchak, 302nd Maintenance Squadron, electronic warfare systems supervisor. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Derrick Gildner)



Left to right, Rachelle Digiulio, Hannah Solich, Mikaelea Digiulio, Amy Digiulio and Susan Solich are on hand Aug. 28 to send off Lt. Col. Bob Chapman, 731st Airlift Squadron, commander. (U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Jody Ritchie)

Various programs play role in ESGR support

By Tech. Sgt. Stefano Collins
Front Range Flyer

Editor's note - This is the second installment in a series about the impact the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve can have on a reservist's career.

The ESGR structure is similar to that of the executive level of government. "The National Executive Director reports directly to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs," said Mr. Fletemeyer.

Programs conducted by the national and local committees include Briefings with the Boss, Ombudsman, Bosslifts, Statement of Support, and Speakers. Mr. Fletemeyer is one person who oversees the implementation of these ESGR programs within the state of Colorado and throughout the United States. Mr. Fletemeyer had facilitated this process and actively interacted with employers for almost six years.

Mr. Fletemeyer regularly has briefings with the boss of the 302nd AW, and is involved in the wing's employer and clergy days. He also provides financial support for these. Additionally, Mr. Fletemeyer provides financial support for the annual 302nd AW Family Day; however, these funds come from the Fletemeyer Construction Company which, in essence, is from his own pocket.

ESGR programs within Colorado are highly successful; and in particular, the Ombudsman Program.

"Generally, if a 302nd reservist has a problem with their employer, the reservist should attempt to work it out at the 'grass roots' level," said Mr. Fletemeyer. "If this doesn't work, the reservist should work through their military unit commander, or wing commander if necessary. If this doesn't resolve the problem, the reservist calls the ESGR's 1-800 number," which is 1-800-336-4590.

If the ESGR toll-free number is used, ESGR National will ask a series of questions and a case is opened. The case is assigned based on the location of where you work, not where you live. For example, if the reservist lives in Colorado Springs but works in Denver, the case will be assigned based on Denver. Or, due to the high visibility created by Mr. Fletemeyer's ESGR activism, cases are opened when reservists visit his office.

The other side of the coin is the ESGR Unit Liaison Representative, which historically was an older retired military member who couldn't resolve reservists' problems, or it took forever for him to do so. This is not the case under Mr. Fletemeyer's watch.

"I received a call from a kid at ITT saying he was having problems with his employer," said Mr. Fletemeyer. "I said 'who is your boss?' and he gave the name of a then-302nd unit commander. I told the kid 'I'm calling his commander!' I didn't have to call his boss' commander because once the kid

named his boss, I realized I knew him. So I called him and asked him 'what the hell were you thinking?' The case was resolved."

Mr. Fletemeyer tries to handle these types of cases himself. There are cases he does not attempt to resolve, such as those involving the airlines. When necessary, he refers them to his volunteer legal team serving on the Ombudsman staff.

"I brought in attorneys for their level of expertise," he said.

One of these attorneys is John Lowrie, an Ombudsman with ESGR and an attorney with Ford and Harrison LLP based in Denver. Mr. Lowrie practices labor and employment law.

"An ESGR Ombudsman assists service members experiencing problems with their civilian employers," said Mr. Lowrie. "If they have an issue, they contact ESGR, and it eventually 'percolates' to me," he said.

Mr. Lowrie does not legally represent the service member, but mediates between the service member and their employer. He does so by educating both parties about the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act law.

"Once the facts are assessed, we give our two cents worth to resolve issues," said Mr. Lowrie. "The whole idea behind the Ombudsman program is to resolve military leave issues without civil lawsuits or filings with the U.S. Department of Labor."



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tors to consider before making his decision. The educational package the recruiter presented was outstanding."

Cadet Candidate Byrd's signing took place at the high school and was aired on Channel 13 News. The recruiting process didn't end there. He

had to produce medical packets, academic records and ACT scores. Once the paperwork was done, two Air Force members interviewed him.

"He didn't have any problems getting into the school," said Sergeant Fulbright. "It was just a long paperwork process we had to go through."

With the recruiting process finally over, Cadet Candidate

Byrd left in July for a two-week basic training course at the Academy and returned at the end of the month.

"The physical part of basic training was easy for me," said Cadet Candidate Byrd. "Other enrollees were having a little trouble. Maybe part of it was because they weren't used to the altitude."

As for football, this season

will be like a red-shirt year, but he will get to see action on the field. The prep school plays a 10-game schedule.

"They play some of the best junior colleges in the nation," said Sergeant Fulbright. "I'll make time to see all the home games, and go to road games within traveling distance. My expectations for him are really high. He's that type of kid."

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women the Academy demands."

Inspiration to attend the Academy came early while watching the movie *Top Gun*, and following his mother's military career.

"I've always wanted to be a part of the best of the best," said Felix. "And to me the best of the best is the Air Force Academy."

"I was never as productive or assertive as he is at his age," said Sergeant Abeyta. "I'm glad he's pursuing his dream. Our ex-

pectations as parents are he comes out of the Academy as a stronger, happier person, and he becomes an Air Force officer whom anyone under his command respects and wants to follow simply because of the fair, loyal and good person he is."

Air Force leaders announce religious guidelines

By Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – Air Force officials announced the release of interim guidance on free exercise of religion Aug. 29.

Air Force Directorate of Personnel officials issued the interim guidelines after careful consideration of the U.S. Constitution, laws and military necessity.

The guidelines were developed after a review at the U.S. Air Force Academy indicated a need for additional guidance on the issue of religious respect throughout the Air Force.

“A crucial part of our vision is that the religious diversity we share as Americans is a strength that sets us apart from many other nations,” said Lt. Gen. Roger A. Brady, Air Force deputy chief of staff for personnel. “In a world where many nations are torn apart by religious strife, we must understand that our ability to stand together – those who represent many religions shoulder-to-shoulder with those who claim no religion – is a great strength.

“Each of us represents the government of the United States and the Air Force,” he said. “Our actions must be consistent with the Constitution we are sworn to protect and defend, and with the Air Force core values. We demand from one another integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we

do. Our responsibility to the Constitution requires that we not officially endorse or establish religion – either one specific religion, or the idea of religion over nonreligion – as the only way or the best way to build strength or serve our nation.”

The interim guidelines are based on the following principles:

- We are sworn to support and defend the Constitution of the United States. In taking this oath we pledge our personal compliance with the Constitution’s protections for free exercise of religion and prohibitions against governmental establishment of religion.

- We will accommodate free exercise of religion and other personal beliefs, as well as freedom of expression, except as must be limited by military necessity. We will not officially endorse or establish religion – either one specific religion, or the idea of religion over nonreligion.

- Our core values support and are consistent with our constitutional obligations. Our integrity demands that we respect others and that we live up to our oaths. Service before self demands respect for the Constitution, our Air Force and each other, and an understanding that in the military our service begins with a commitment to our responsibilities, not only our rights. Commitment to a climate in which individuals of diverse beliefs form an effective team is essential to achieving excellence.

- Chaplain service programs are the responsibility of commanders. Chaplains function as staff officers when advising commanders in regard to the free exercise of religion, and they implement programs of religious support and pastoral care to help commanders care for the welfare of all their people.

- Supervisors, commanders and leaders at every level bear a special responsibility to ensure their words and actions cannot reasonably be construed as either official endorsement or disapproval of the decisions of individuals to hold particular religious beliefs or to hold no religious beliefs.

- Abuse or disrespect of our wingmen – our fellow Air Force people – including disrespect based on religious beliefs, or the absence of religious beliefs, is unacceptable.

- We will recognize and value the many heritages, cultures and beliefs represented among us, and build a team by stressing our common Air Force heritage: the oaths we took, the core values that we embrace, and the mission that we undertake to protect our nation.

At a time when many nations are torn apart by religious strife, we must understand that our ability to stand together as Americans and as Airmen – those who represent many religions, shoulder-to-shoulder with those who claim no religion – is part of our heritage and our strength.

Regni nominated as Air Force Academy superintendent

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (AFPN) — Lt. Gen. John F. Regni has been nominated by the president to be the next U.S. Air Force Academy superintendent, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld announced Aug. 29.

If confirmed by the senate, General Regni would be the academy’s 17th superintendent.

Currently, he is Air University commander at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. In that role, General Regni manages the full spectrum of Air Force education, from precommissioning to the highest levels of professional military education, including degree granting and professional continuing education for officers, enlisted and civilian personnel throughout their careers.

Additionally, he is responsible for officer

commissioning through Officer Training School and ROTC.

“I couldn’t be happier with the nomination and look forward to a swift confirmation process for this vitally important position,” said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper. “General Regni is the perfect leader to continue the tremendous work (Lt. Gen. John W. Rosa Jr.) and his staff have started, and I know we’ll see even more great things from the academy and its leadership.”

General Regni is a 1973 graduate of the academy. His career has encompassed a wide range of personnel, training and command assignments, and he has served at base, numbered air force, major command, Air Staff and joint unified command levels.



Long-term care insurance small price to pay

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) - Active-duty Airmen, some reservists, appropriated-fund civilian employees, retirees and qualified family members can still apply for the Federal Long-Term Care Insurance Program.

The program can help federal employees defray costs of in-home care, nursing-home care, or assisted-living facilities for people unable to perform normal daily activities because of chronic-health conditions.

"Long-term care insurance isn't just for old age nearly 40 percent of people needing long-term care are under age 65," said Janet Thomas, human resources specialist at the Air Force Personnel Center here. "Health insurance will cover hospitalization and medical care, but not necessarily long-term care. The Federal Long-Term Care Insurance Program provides protection from the potentially high cost of long-term care."

The program is sponsored by the Office of Personnel Management and provides af-

fordable group premiums and comprehensive benefits. It is the largest program in the nation, Ms. Thomas said.

The plans available are the Facilities-Only Plan and the Comprehensive Plan. The Facilities-Only Plan covers all levels of nursing home, assisted living facility and inpatient hospice care. The Comprehensive Plan covers everything the facilities-only plan covers, plus care provided at home by a nurse, home health aide, therapist, informal caregiver or other authorized provider. Costs of adult day care centers and home hospices are covered as well.

Those eligible for the program include:

- Federal employees and annuitants.
- Separated federal employees with title to a deferred annuity.
- Active and retired servicemembers.
- Active members of the Selected Reserve.
- Retired "grey" reservists even if they are not receiving retirement pay.

- Compensationers receiving compensation from the Department of Labor.

- The current spouse of an eligible person.

- Adult children of living eligible people.

- Parents, parents-in-law and stepparents of living eligible people.

- Surviving spouses receiving a survivor annuity.

Premiums are based on an applicant's age, so the sooner people apply, the smaller premium they will pay, Ms. Thomas said. Once enrolled, coverage will not be canceled as long as premiums are paid on time, and coverage cannot be canceled because of age or a change in health.

For more information, people can call (800) 582-3337 or TTY (800) 843-3557. Representatives are available weekdays 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. EDT. People can also go to the program's Web site online at www.ltcfeds.com. (Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

Annual Combined Federal Campaign runs through December 15

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) - The 2005 to 2006 Combined Federal Campaign has begun and runs through Dec. 15 for bases within the continental United States. The overseas CFC campaign begins Oct. 1 and also runs through Dec. 15.

Exact dates and campaign goals are established in each

geographic area by the local federal coordinating committee and are available through the installation CFC project officer.

The CFC was established in 1961 and is the largest workplace charity campaign in the country. This annual fall fund-raising drive allows nearly 4 million federal employees and service members to contribute to

thousands of local and national nonprofit organizations.

Last year, federal employees and service members donated a record-setting \$257 million to the campaign. Contributions can be in cash, check or by payroll deduction.

On average, one in four federal employees or their dependents will benefit from the campaign

charities this year, CFC officials said. Donors may designate which charity, or charities, receives their money by filling out a pledge card.

For more information, people can contact their local campaign project officers or visit the CFC Web site at www.opm.gov/cfc. (Courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center News Service)

Displaced Katrina victims get help from AAFES

DALLAS - The Army & Air Force Exchange Service announced it is waiving interest and suspending monthly payment requirements to Exchange Credit Program cardholders displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

"According to our records, there are approximately 15,000 accounts impacted in undeliverable zip codes," said AAFES' Treasurer Grant Morris. "No interest will be charged, and no payments will be due for an undetermined period of time. The interest rate and payment exclusion, will also apply to new purchases for an extended time period."

AAFES determined eligibility by match-

ing accounts to the U.S. Postal Service's listing of impacted zip codes. Affected areas are Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. In Alabama - Mobile 365XX through 366XX; in Mississippi - Meridian 369XX through 393XX, Hattiesburg 394XX, Gulfport 395XX, McComb 396XX; and in Louisiana - New Orleans 700XX through 701XX, Houma 703XX, and Mandeville 704XX.

All Exchange Credit Program cardholders displaced by Hurricane Katrina can contact Customer Service at the nearest Exchange. Call 1-877-991-7827, or visit www.aafes.com to update your contact information.

Receive CENTCOM news

U.S. Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., produces a weekly newsletter that is very informative of its operations in the Middle East and Horn of Africa.

The newsletter is found on the Internet at www.centcom.mil.

You can sign up for the newsletter at <http://www.centcom.mil/newsletter/newsletter-signup.asp>.

Newspapers for various locations in the U.S. CENTCOM area of responsibility can be found at <http://www.af.mil/library/newspapers.asp>.



Claims for new commercial travel office

When claiming your airfare and service fee on your travel voucher for the new commercial travel office, WingGate Travel, be sure to claim them as separate line items. Otherwise the service fee could be overlooked. The service fee is not part of the airfare paid to the airline, it is the agency fee for the booking.

The totals are listed separately on the itinerary receipt, showing as follows (note that the total airfare is listed before the service fee):

Air Fare	\$xxx
Tax	\$xxx
Total Air Fare	\$XXXXXX
Service Fee	\$xxx
Total Charged	\$XXXXXX

Are you eligible for Iraqi, Afghanistan medals?

Members who are entitled to the Iraqi or the Afghanistan campaign medals need to bring their documentation to the 302nd Military Personnel Flight Career Enhancement section and notify them to remove the Global War on Terrorism-Expeditionary medal from their record and add the appropriate medal.

Any questions can be directed to Master Sgt. Anthony R. Garcia, 302nd MPF, chief of career enhancement, or Staff Sgt. Stephanie Caldwell, 302nd MPF, NCO in charge of career enhancement, at 556-7555/7975.

United Airlines offering reduced fares

United Airlines is now offering reduced fares for active-duty

members of the Navy, Marines, Army, Air Force, National Guard and Reserves and their families for travel through Jan. 31, 2006.

To purchase fares, contact United Reservations at 1-800-241-6522 and identify yourself as eligible for military fares.

Go to www.military.com and click on the travel link for more information.

Nominate your employer for a Patriot Award

Members of the National Guard and Reserve can nominate their employers for the "Patriot Award" certificate.

A certificate will be given to all employers that are nominated. This nomination is subsequently used by the local ESGR Committee as the basis for consideration to receive higher level awards.

Go to www.esgr.gov and click on the ESGR Programs quick link in the Military Members link

Hearing aids available for active duty families

Active duty family members who meet specific hearing-loss requirements, are eligible to receive hearing aids, including services and supplies, as a Tricare benefit.

For more information, beneficiaries may visit the Tricare Web site online at www.tricare.osd.mil or call the Tricare Regional Office North at (877) 874-2273; TRO South at (800) 444-5445; or TRO West at (888) 874-9378. Overseas beneficiaries may call (888) 777-8343.

Find consumer recalls on Internet

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risk of serious injury or death from more than 15,000 types of products.

You can find information at <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/>

prerel/prerel.html, or by visiting the Army Air Force Exchange Service product recall page, http://www.aafes.com/pa/news/QA_Recalls.htm.

Podcasting a first for Air Force

For the first time, the Air Force is using the Internet and digital technology to podcast its radio news. Podcasts are broadcasts of Internet audio programs, usually in an MP3 format.

People without a podcasting background can read detailed listening instructions online at www.af.mil/podcast. Once the podcasting software has been installed on their home systems, users can add the Air Force podcast feed located at www.af.mil/media/podcast/afradionews.xml.

Aircraft lighter ban includes military

Under a federal law enacted this year, anyone, including military members, carrying anything that produces a flame will be required to surrender them at U.S. airport security checkpoints before boarding aircraft. This includes items stored in carry-on and cargo baggage.

The law also applies to military and civilian passengers on commercially chartered U.S. military overseas flights.

Cold, diet drugs being recalled

More than 35 cold medicines and dietary drugs are being recalled because they contain phenylpropanolamine.

This ingredient has been linked to increased hemorrhagic stroke (bleeding in brain) among women ages 18-49 within three days after starting use of medication. However, the Food and Drug Administration recommended that everyone seek an alternative medicine.

Call the 800 number listed on most drug boxes and inquire about a refund.

For more information, go to <http://www.fda.gov/cder/drug/infopage/ppa>.

Federal act allows for cell phone discounts

The Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 paved the way for federal employees, past and present, to receive discounts from cellular phone services.

To find out if you are eligible for this discount, contact your cellular service carrier.

Clarifying TDY entitlements for annual tours

Joint Federal Travel Pay Regulation U7150 c states there is no per diem or actual expense allowance for certain periods of active duty. There is no entitlement to per diem or AEA under paragraph U7150-A4 for members performing annual training duty when both government quarters (other than temporary lodging facilities) and a government mess are available.

This basically means that if everything is provided at no cost to the member, then no per diem is authorized. If there is a charge for meals in the dining facility, that is what Basic Allowance for Subsistence is for.

If you have any questions, contact the 302nd Airlift Wing Financial management office at 556-7442.

ICE campaign helps with emergencies

The "In Case of Emergency" campaign offers individuals and opportunity to store the word ICE in mobile phone address books and against it enter the number of a person to be contacted in case of emergency.

In an emergency situation ambulance and hospital staff will then be able to quickly find out who the next of kin are and be able to contact them.

For more than one contact name use ICE1, ICE2, ICE3 etc.

Unit Training Assembly Schedule

Oct. 1-2

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>POC</u>
S A T U R D A Y	0530 – 0800	Breakfast/Brunch	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180
	0730 – 1600	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg. 893, Conference Room	DPMSC/6-8185
	0730 – 0900	No Meeting Period	All Locations	CV/6-7087
	0730 – 1630	Physical Exams	Clinic	ASTS/6-1132
	0745 – 1630	MPF Hours	Bldg. 895, Room 219A	DPMSC/6-8185
	0900 – 1000	Unit Training Manager Meeting	Bldg. 895, Room 203	DPMT/6-7573/7250/7950
	1000 – 1600	Military Clothing Sales	Bldg. 1466	LSM/6- 3227
	1000 – 1045	Wing Training Planning Council	Bldg. 895, Room 203	CCX/6-0142
	1100 – 1300	Lunch	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180
	1100 – 1300	Lunch & A Lift	Aragon Colorado Room	HC/6-7428
	1200 – 1630	Customer Service Hours	Bldg. 895, Room 219A	DPMSC/6-8185
	1215 – 1530	CDC/PME Testing	Bldg. 895, Room 203/204	DPMT/6-7573/7250/7950
	1300 – 1530	Self Aid/Buddy Care Refresher	Bldg. 350, Room 2127	ASTS/6-1132
	1300 – 1600	Chaplain Available	Bldg. 893, Room 143	HC/6-7428
S U N D A Y	1600 – 1800	Dinner	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180
	2000 – 2300	Late Night Carry-out	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180
	0530 – 0800	Breakfast/Brunch	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180
	0730 – 0830	Chiefs' Group Meeting	Silver Spruce Golf Course	CCC/6-8132
	0730 – 1200	MPF Hours	Bldg. 895, Room 219A	DPMSC/6-8185
	0900 – 1000	First Sergeants Meeting	Silver Spruce Golf Course	CCF/6-8307
	0900 – 1000	3AO AFSC Training	Bldg. 893, Conference Room	SC/6-3299
	1000 – 1100	Records Management Training	Bldg. 893, Conference Room	SC/6-3299
	1000 – 1100	Homosexual Policy Training	Bldg. 890, 2nd Floor Briefing Room	JA/6-8140
	1000 – 1100	Family Support Unit Representative Mtg.	Bldg. 895, Training Room	DPMFR/6-6505
	1100 – 1300	Lunch	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180
	1200 – 1300	Junior Enlisted Advisory Council	Bldg. 350	731st AS/6-7371
	1400 – 1500	Privacy Act/FOA Refresher Training	Bldg. 893, Conference Room	SC/6-3299
	1600 – 1800	Dinner	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180

✓ **Can't make the UTA but have lodging reservations? Contact Master Sgt. Terry Brassard at (719) 556-4001 or 1-800-446-9624 to cancel.**

✓ **Want an event on next month's schedule? Contact the 302nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs office at (719) 556-4117 or e-mail 302aw.pa@302.peterson.af.mil.**

DOD launches deployment health, family readiness library

LOUISVILLE, Ky. – Servicemembers, their families and their health-care providers have a new online Defense Department resource for deployment health issues.

The DOD's Deployment Health Risk Communication Working Group and the Joint Task Force for Family Readiness Education on Deployments have joined together to create the Deployment Health and Family Readiness Library.

It is intended to provide servicemembers, families and health-care providers a quick and easy way to find information about deployment health and family readiness.

"Information is a powerful tool. We must remain proactive in providing deployment-related health information to better safeguard our servicemembers," said Ellen

Embrey, deputy assistant secretary of defense for force health protection and readiness "Most people fear the unknown. Through accurate, timely information we are able to ensure that our servicemembers are better equipped to prepare for, cope with, and recover from the myriad health risks faced during deployments."

The online library includes fact sheets, guides and other products on a wide variety of health topics. The topic listing was based on feedback from servicemembers, their families and health-care providers, Ms. Embrey said. Information will be added as new topics and areas of concern emerge.

In focus-group meetings, servicemembers and their families have said their need for information varies before, during and after

deployments, Ms. Embrey said. Leaders, in particular, look for accurate information before the deployment. While servicemembers are deployed, their families are especially interested in getting deployment health-related information, and following deployments, both servicemembers and families look for this information, she said.

Many sources are available online, but Ms. Embrey said too often it's difficult to tell if the information source is accurate.

"We are absolutely committed to providing the best information found in sound science and based on medical evidence," Ms. Embrey said. "We want this site to be the authoritative source for deployment health and family readiness information." (Air Force Print News)



Making the fold

302nd Logistics Readiness Squadron members Tech. Sgt. Jorge Talamantes (left) and Tech. Sgt. James Cates (right) fold the American flag while Master Sgt. Jerry Caro ensures a tight crease in the fold during retreat Sept. 10. Retreat ceremonies are now commonplace during unit training assemblies, rotating among various units within the 302nd Airlift Wing. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton)

Newcomers

302nd Airlift Wing

Senior Airman Ryan Johnson

302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron

Senior Airman Emily J. Bodenmiller

Airman 1st Class Adam R. Detwiler

Staff Sgt. Sheila M. Figueroa

302nd Maintenance Squadron

Airman 1st Class Kyle H. Alexander

Airman 1st Class Curtis S. Craig

Airman 1st Class David A. Hemphill

Tech. Sgt. Hugo Padilla

Airman 1st Class Raeann R. Ramos

Staff Sgt. Frank R. Shiver

Airman 1st Class Byron Wilkinson

302nd Aircraft

Maintenance Squadron

Airman 1st Class Holly K. Payne

Tech. Sgt. William Aheens

302nd Civil Engineer Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Margaret Alire

Senior Airman Neil S. Elson

39th Aerial Port Squadron

Airman 1st Class Rochei D. Hernandez

Airman 1st Class Adam S. Lemcke

Senior Airman Jason J. Oh

Senior Airman Taracina Piccoli

Senior Airman Kentner C. Scarborough

731st Airlift Squadron

Senior Airman Jessica R. Eblen

310th Security Forces Squadron

Airman 1st Class Souna Herolien

Airman 1st Class Mikal D. Jolly

Airman 1st Class Edward Phillips

Senior Airman Jeffrey R. Tatum

302nd Communications Flight

Staff Sgt. Brian P. Webb

302nd Mission Support Flight

Tech. Sgt. Lisa A. Gray

Staff Sgt. Laura B. Martinet

302nd Services Flight

Airman 1st Class Lee J. Cruz

6th Space Operations Squadron

Capt. Minpo Shiue

7th Space Operations Squadron

Capt. Jonathan C. Armstrong

8th Space Warning Squadron

Staff Sgt. Jamie R. Booker

Airman 1st Class Stephen D. Erickson

Master Sgt. Sarah D. Fisk

19th Space Operations Squadron

Capt. Steven A. Brown

Capt. Jon J. Rezzonico

Retirees

Senior Master Sgt. Toni

Frank, 302nd MXS

Promotions

Senior Master Sergeant

Thomas Farley

Gary L. Nester

Master Sergeant

Edward L. Cox

Brian A. Gibson

Martin S. Pier

Marc K. Sisler

Robert K. Taylor

Julia C. Thompson

Technical Sergeant

Ruben J. Foster

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Jane L. Link

Jane T. Perino

Sandra V. Persall

Isador P. Ramirez

Staff Sergeant

Rodney E. Brophy

James P. Garvin

Johnathan L. Kelley

Evan K. Miley

Quincy Neal

Erik R. Rygg

Ryan J. Williams

Senior Airman

Andrew J. Edtl

Diandra R. Hunter-Carson

Stefanie Y. Salinas

Airman 1st Class

Albert M. Birdsall

Sharp Troop of the Month

Name: Tanas Mello-Patten

Rank: Senior Airman

Section: 302nd Maintenance Group, Avionics Communications-Navigation

Job: Com-Nav Systems Technician

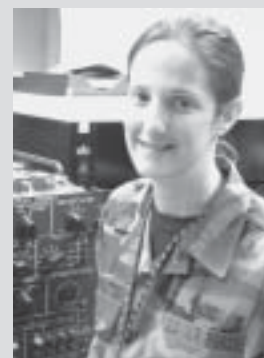
Date assigned: September 2004

Hometown: Prather, Calif.

Hobbies: Volleyball, wood-working, vehicle maintenance, roller-blading, nutrition and foreign languages (Spanish and American Sign Language).

Favorite thing about your job: "I get to work with my hands and I get to use my brain to problem-solve. I like working with people, too, and I also like to manage and organize."

Supervisors - Nominate a Sharp Troop. Contact the editor of the Front Range Flyer at 302aw.pa@302.peterson.af.mil, or call (719) 556-4117, or toll free (800) 446-9624.



Balloon Classic

Colorful event

Master Sgt. Jim Fritzen, 302nd Airlift Wing recruiter, helps inflate Angel DanZer at the 2005 Colorado Balloon Classic, which drew thousands of spectators over Labor Day weekend. (U. S. Air Force photos by 2nd Lt. Jody Ritchie)



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